

teamwork, Sister Rosemarie introduced a five-year strategic plan to the Board of Trustees, later accomplishing every goal she addressed.

She led the institution in achieving the maximum 10-year accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, oversaw the highest and most diverse enrollment in the university's history and surpassed initial fundraising goals to raise \$5.3 million in a successful \$7 million campaign to transform the science facilities.

She added four new athletic programs, completed a New Center for Social Justice and Civic Engagement, and made campus-wide technological advances, including student information and enrollment systems, a Technology Support Center for students and a state-of-the-art video conference studio for multi-state nursing programs. Additionally, HNU added five new baccalaureate majors, four new master's programs, returned to stable financial footing and completed The Campus Master Plan through 2012.

Sister Rosemarie's accomplishments will leave an indelible mark on the HNU campus, but the legacy of her work represents so much more than tangible results. Her personal commitment to shaping a unique learning experience that explores and celebrates the beauty of differences has forever touched the lives of students, faculty, alumni, trustees and local community leaders.

Her service has empowered countless women and men from underrepresented cultures and nations throughout the world to practice civic engagement, tolerance and critical thinking. And, as President Emerita Sr., she will continue to serve students through the Frieda Mary Nassif Scholarship award, named for her mother.

On behalf of California's 9th Congressional District, I want to extend my congratulations on this important milestone. Thank you, Sister Rosemarie Nassif, for all that you do. I wish you continued success in this next chapter of life.

HONORING GARRETT WITTELS OF FIU FOR EXTENDING HIS HITTING STREAK TO 56 GAMES

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Garrett Wittels of Florida International University, FIU, who has extended his hitting streak to an astonishing 56 consecutive games.

Garrett has been a standout student-athlete since his days at Dr. Michael Krop Senior High School in Miami, Florida. While there, he made the Miami Herald's All-Miami-Dade teams from 2006 to 2008, was selected as team MVP his sophomore and senior seasons and posted a .420 average with six home runs and 29 RBI's during his senior campaign. He was recruited by the University of Miami, North Carolina State, and Louisville, but he chose to attend FIU, Miami's first and only four-year public research university. With a student body of nearly 40,000, FIU is one of the 25 largest universities in the nation.

While he began his collegiate baseball career with moderate success, he is now

headlining sports pages and captivating the nation with his amazing feat. As FIU battled to stay alive in the NCAA Regionals of the College World Series, Garrett extended his hitting streak to 56-consecutive games; a streak which began on February 19, 2010. This matches the Major League Baseball record held by Yankee great and Hall of Famer, Joe DiMaggio, who hit in 56-straight games in 1941. The only other person with a longer streak in college than Garrett is the all-time Division I record holder, Robin Ventura of Oklahoma State University, who hit safely in 58-consecutive games in 1987.

Garrett helped lead FIU to the Sun Belt Conference Championship and a berth in this year's College World Series. Garrett had 100 hits in 2010, which set the single-season record for FIU; he was selected as the 2010 Sun Belt Conference Baseball Player of the Year; and was named to the Louisville Slugger All-American Baseball Team (first team).

While he is showing the nation that he can excel on the diamond, less attention is being focused on his achievements off of it. He has made the Academic Honor roll as he works towards his degree in Sports Management. He shows us that he is as dedicated to hitting the books as to hitting line-drives. He is a true scholar-athlete and a fine example for other young athletes to emulate.

Unfortunately, we'll have to wait till next season to see if Garrett can continue his streak but, I'd like to take the time to congratulate Garrett Wittels, his family, his teammates, and the entire FIU community, for being one step closer to baseball immortality. We all look forward to the start of FIU's 2011 baseball season and Garrett's pursuit of the record.

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, yesterday was primary Election Day in my state of California, which necessitated by remaining in my congressional district on Tuesday, June 8, 2010, through Wednesday morning, June 9, 2010. Consequently, I was unable to return in time for rollcall Votes 337 through 339.

I ask the RECORD to reflect that had I been present I would have voted as follows:

1. On rollcall No. 337, I would have voted "aye" (June 8) (H.R. 1061, Hoh Indian Tribe Safe Homelands Act).

2. On rollcall No. 338, I would have voted "aye" (June 8) (H. Res. 518, Honoring the life of Jacques-Yves Cousteau, explorer, researcher, and pioneer in the field of marine conservation).

3. On rollcall No. 339, I would have voted "aye" (June 9) (Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule for H.R. 5072—FHA Reform Act of 2010 (H. Res. 1424)).

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,056,957,049,453.42.

On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$2,418,531,303,159.60 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, on Monday, May 24, 2010 and Friday, May 28, 2010, I was absent for votes due to family commitments. Had I been present, I would have voted on the following:

House rollcall vote 291—I would have voted "yes"; House rollcall vote 292—I would have voted "yes"; House rollcall vote 293—I would have voted "yes"; House rollcall vote 324—I would have voted "yes"; House rollcall vote 325—I would have voted "no"; House rollcall vote 326—I would have voted "no"; House rollcall vote 327—I would have voted "no"; House rollcall vote 328—I would have voted "no"; House rollcall vote 329—I would have voted "yes"; House rollcall vote 330—I would have voted "yes"; House rollcall vote 331—I would have voted "no"; House rollcall vote 332—I would have voted "yes"; House rollcall vote 333—I would have voted "yes"; House rollcall vote 334—I would have voted "yes"; House rollcall vote 335—I would have voted "no"; House rollcall vote 336—I would have voted "yes."

HONORING RAUL H. CASTRO, FORMER GOVERNOR OF ARIZONA

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Mr. PASTOR of Arizona. Madam Speaker, while many have written of the inspirational story surrounding Raul Hector Castro, Arizona's first Hispanic Governor, it seems only fitting that in today's highly charged atmosphere of anti-immigrant sentiment, we take the occasion of Governor Castro's 93rd birthday on June 12th to examine his life as one who has surely proven the American dream is achievable. In fact, he has not only shown that dream is achievable, he has also underscored the fact that those pursuing the dream contribute mightily to the strength of our Nation.

Born in Mexico, the second youngest of 12 children raised in Arizona by an immigrant